officially-approved rates are:1) the effective Tehran Stock Exchange (TSE) which is applied to all transactions, except for 2) government imports of essential goods, and services of public and publicly guaranteed debt (the exchange rate for which is approximately 1750Rls/\$US.) There is a separate TSE rate for "oil exports" and "non-oil exports", but both are within the first category of official exchange rates for private rather than public transactions.

The Department's preferred source for daily exchange rates is the Federal Reserve Bank. When the Federal Reserve Bank does not provide exchange rates for a certain currency, the Department's practice has been to use exchange rates obtained from the Dow Jones News/Retrieval Service. The Federal Reserve Bank does not provide exchange rates for the Iranian rial. Exchange rates for the Iranian rial published in the Dow Jones News/ Retrieval Service appear to be official rates for public rather than private transactions and are not reflective of the actual exchange rates at which Nima converted foreign exchange earnings in the POR. Nima has documented on the record the dual exchange rate system in Iran, utilizing Iranian government reports and bank statements. The record shows clearly that the exchange rates Nima realized during the POR are dramatically different from the rates listed in the Dow Jones. For this reason and because there are no other appropriate exchange rates on the record, the Department used the actual exchange rates at which respondent converted its foreign exchange earnings during the POR.

Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of our review, we preliminarily determine that the following weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period July1, 2000, through June 30, 2001:

Company	Weighted-Average Margin
Nima Trading Company (Nima)	120.04 percent

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b), the Department will disclose to parties to this proceeding the calculations performed in connection with these preliminary results within five days of the date of publication of this notice.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309, interested parties may submit written comments on these preliminary results. Case briefs must be submitted no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, which must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs, must be submitted no later than five days after the time limit for filing case briefs. Parties submitting arguments in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument: (1) a statement of the issue, and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Case and rebuttal briefs must be served on interested parties in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303(f). Also, within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, an interested party may request a public hearing on arguments to be raised in the case and rebuttal briefs. See 19 CFR 351.310(c). Unless the Secretary specifies otherwise, the hearing, if requested, will be held two days after the date for submission of rebuttal briefs, or the first working day thereafter. The Department will issue the final results of this new shipper review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any case or rebuttal brief, within 90 days of these preliminary results.

Assessment

The Department shall determine, and the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b), we have calculated exporter/importer-specific assessment rates. We calculated importer-specific duty assessment rates on a unit value per kilogram basis and then dividing this sum by the entered value for that sale. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results, we will instruct Customs to assess antidumping duties on the merchandise subject to review. Upon completion of this review, the Department will issue appraisement instructions directly to Customs.

The Department is currently conducting a new shipper review of the countervailing duty order on raw inshell pistachios from Iran involving Nima. The Department will adjust both the antidumping duty assessment rate and cash deposit rate resulting from this review for any duties imposed to offset export subsidies found at the conclusion of the countervailing new shipper review.

Cash Deposit

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon

publication of the final results of this new shipper review for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this new shipper review, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for the reviewed company will be the rate established in the final results of this new shipper review (except that no deposit will be required if the rate is zero or de minimis, *i.e.*, less than 0.5 percent); (2) for previously investigated companies not listed above, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review or the original LTFV investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) if neither the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered in this review or the original LTFV investigation, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the "all others" rate of 184.28 percent established in the LTFV investigation. This rate reflects the amount of export subsidies found in the final countervailing duty determination in the investigation subtracted from the dumping margin found in the less than fair value determination. See 51 FR 8344. These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next review.

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties. This new shipper review and notice are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(2)(B) and 777(i)(1) of the

Dated: July 29, 2002.

Faryar Shirzad,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration [A-570-875]

Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination of Antidumping Duty Investigation

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 6, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ronald Trentham or Sam Zengotitabengoa at (202) 482–6320 or (202) 482–4195, respectively; AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 4, Group II, Import Administration, Room 1870, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR part 351 (2002).

Statutory Time Limits

Section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Act, requires the Department of Commerce (the Department) to issue the preliminary determination of an antidumping duty investigation within 140 days after the date of initiation. However, if the petitioner makes a timely request for an extension of the period, section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act allows the Department to postpone the preliminary determination until not later than 190 days after the date of initiation.

Background

On March 13, 2002, the Department initiated an antidumping duty investigation of non-malleable cast iron pipe fittings from the People's Republic of China. See Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Investigation: Nonmalleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China, 67 FR 12966 (March 20, 2002). The notice stated that the Department would issue its preliminary determination no later than 140 days after the date of initiation. The preliminary determination currently is due no later than July 31, 2002.

Extension of Preliminary Determination

On July 5, 2002, the Department received a timely request for postponement of the preliminary determination from Anvil International Inc. and Ward Manufacturing Inc., (hereinafter, the petitioners), in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(e). Petitioners requested an extension to provide themselves and the Department with more time to review respondents' submissions and to allow the Department to request and analyze additional information from respondents, if needed. There are no compelling reasons for the Department to deny the petitioners' request. Therefore, pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, the Department is postponing the preliminary determination until September 19, 2002.

This notice of postponement is in accordance with section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f).

Dated: July 11, 2002.

Faryar Shirzad,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-847]

Persulfates From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Notice of Partial Recission

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on persulfates from the People's Republic of China in response to a request by the petitioner, FMC Corporation. The period of review is July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001. In addition, we are rescinding our initiation of an administrative review for an additional exporter because no review was requested for this company.

We have preliminarily determined that U.S. sales have not been made below normal value. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess no antidumping duties on the exports subject to this review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 6, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Strollo, AD/CVD Enforcement, Group I, Office 2, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–0629.

Applicable Statute and Regulations: Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's (the Department's) regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (2001).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 2, 2001, the Department published in the Federal Register a notice of "Opportunity to Request an Administrative Review" of the antidumping duty order on persulfates from the People's Republic of China (PRC) covering the period July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001. See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review, 66 FR 34910 (July 2, 2001).

On July 31, 2001, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), the petitioner, FMC Corporation, requested an administrative review of Shanghai Ai Jian Import & Export Corporation (Ai Jian). We published a notice of initiation of this review on August 20, 2001. See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part, 66 FR 43570 (Aug. 20, 2001) (Persulfates Initiation). In this notice, we also initiated an administrative review for an additional company for which no review had been requested by any interested party. For further discussion, see the "Partial Recission of Review" section of this notice, below.

On August 3, 2001, we issued an antidumping questionnaire to Ai Jian. We received Ai Jian's timely responses to section A of the questionnaire on September 24, 2001, and to sections C and D on October 9, 2001. We issued a supplemental questionnaire to Ai Jian on October 29, 2001. We received Ai Jian's response to this supplemental questionnaire on November 29, 2001.

On November 30, 2001, Ai Jian and the petitioner submitted publicly available information for consideration in valuing the factors of production. On